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The Honorable Pete Peterson  
U.S. House of Representatives  
426 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Peterson:

Thank you for your letter on behalf of Lieutenant Nancy Underhill, Jail Administrator, Baker County Detention Center, regarding the Commission's Billed Party Preference (BPP) proceeding. On May 19, 1994, the Commission adopted a Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in this proceeding. I have enclosed a copy of the Further Notice and press release accompanying it for your information.

The Further Notice sets forth a detailed cost/benefit analysis of BPP. This analysis indicates, based on the available data, that the benefits of BPP to consumers would exceed its costs. The Further Notice seeks comment on this analysis and asks interested parties to supplement the record concerning the costs and benefits of BPP. The Further Notice also invites parties to recommend alternatives to BPP that could produce many of the same benefits at a lower cost.

The Further Notice also explicitly seeks comment on whether correctional facility telephones should be exempt if BPP is adopted. Specifically, the Further Notice seeks additional information on the effectiveness and costs of controlling fraud originating on inmate lines with or without BPP. The Further Notice also seeks comment on a proposal to exempt prison telephones from BPP if the operator service provider adheres to rate ceilings for inmate calling services.

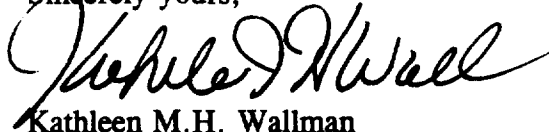
BPP would not preclude prison officials from blocking or limiting inmate calls to specific telephone numbers in order to prevent threatening and harassing calls. Moreover, BPP would not affect the ability of prison officials to limit inmates to collect calling or to program telephone equipment at the prison site to block certain numbers.

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Thank you for your interest in this proceeding. I can assure you that the Commission will carefully examine all of the comments submitted in response to the Further Notice, including additional empirical data regarding the costs and benefits of implementing BPP and the impact of BPP on telephone service from correctional facilities.

Sincerely yours,



Kathleen M.H. Wallman  
Chief  
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Enclosures



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Ms. Judith L. Harris  
Director  
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Dear Ms. Harris:

Enclosed please find a copy of the comments I received from Lieutenant Nancy Underhill, a constituent of mine and the Jail Administrator of the Baker County Detention Center. As you will see, she has detailed a number of concerns with the Billed Party Preference (BPP) proposal (CC Docket 92-77).

While I believe you may have already received a copy of this letter, I want to make sure that it is given full consideration during the extended comment period. In a report dated May 19, 1994, the FCC specifically requested comments on whether prison phones should be subject to BPP and I believe Lieutenant Underhill has raised a number of valid points on this subject.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments. In addition, I would appreciate any update on the rule-making you might be able to provide for me. If you need additional information, please feel free to call me at (904) 785-0812.

Sincerely,

  
Pete Peterson, M.C.

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Before the  
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In the Matter of )  
 ) CC Docket 92-77  
Billed Party Preference )  
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COMMENTS OF BAKER COUNTY DETENTION CENTER


We at the Baker County Detention Center are concerned about the proposed billed party preference for long distance telephone calls. There are 9 particular areas that will be affected to our detriment, namely:

- 1) Reduced budgetary costs due to not having to pay for inmate calls.
- 2) Collect only system capability.
- 3) Inmate phone system commissions.
- 4) Victim & witness harassment prevention via inmate phones.
- 5) On site phone system supervision by facility personnel.
- 6) Phone number blocking capability.
- 7) Call duration capability.
- 8) Any call monitoring or recording capability.
- 9) Any other special features inmate phone providers may have.

Along with these major concerns, we also see a problem with who is going to pay for all this?

We strongly oppose the BPP and encourage the FCC to do the same.

Sincerely,

  
Lieutenant Nancy Underhill  
Jail Administrator  
Baker County Detention Center

NU/s

cc: Honorable Pete Peterson  
Honorable Bob Graham  
Honorable Connie Mack  
Vice President Al Gore